(c) No, Sir. According to 1981 census the number of children who work, including those who assist in family work, are 13.6 million.

(d) Government aims to eliminate child labour progressively. This is sought to be achieved through legislation, better enforcement of laws relating to child labour, welfare programmes, spreading greater awareness amongst parents, employers and society at large and extension of education to increasing number of children.

देश में बाल श्रमिक

1961. **श्रीमति उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल :** क्या **श्रम** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में, विशेष रूप से गुजरात में, मजदूरी करके अपने परिवार का भरण-पोषण करने वाले बाल श्रमिकों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा बाल श्रम को रोकने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं अथवा उठाए जाने का विचार है; और

(ग) बाल श्रमिकों के कल्याण के लिए आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में क्या प्रावधान किया गया है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) 1981 की जनगणना के अनुसार भारत में कामकाजी बालकों की संख्या 13 6 मिलियन तथा गुजरात में 6,16,913 है विशेषकर कृषि क्षेत्र में बड़ी संख्या में बालक परिवार में ही काम करते हैं और इस प्रकार परिवार की आय में सहायता करते है।

(ख) सरकार, राष्ट्रीय बाल श्रम नीति-1987 के अन्तर्गत विधानों और उनके प्रवर्तन, सामान्य विकास कार्यक्रमों तथा बाल श्रमिकों के पुनर्वास की कार्योन्मुखी परियोजनाओं के माध्यम से क्रमिक रूप से बाल श्रम का उन्मूलन करने के लिए कदम उठाती है।

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में कुल 15 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किये गये हैं।

Payment of Provident Fund and ESI Dues

1962. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : With the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cases relating to the defaults in payment of Provident Fund and ESI dues by the employers in the country are increasing ;

(b) whether Government propose to set up special bench in the courts to dispose off such cases;

(c) whether a large number of organisations and MPs have also urged Government to clear such cases; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Representations are received about default in payment of ESI and Provident Fund dues. The ESI and the Employees Provident Fund authorities are already taking necessary legal and penal action to recover the dues outstanding against the defaulting establishments.

Employment Schemes for Tribal Youths

1963. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to create employment opportunities for youths living in tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and criteria and specific particulars of schemes which have been adopted by Government for Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the details of allocation of funds for each district of Madhya Pradesh by Government during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the time by when the schemes are likely to be implemented in each district of Madhya Pradesh and other States of Bihar and Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97). Accordingly, a growth strategy for accelerated generation of employment through faster growth of sectors and subsectors with relatively high employment potential is envisaged. Special attention is paid to the needs of the tribal areas, including those in Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar, through Tribal Such Plans. The efforts of State Governments including those of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar, in generation of employment opportunities are supplemented by the Central Government through Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector special employment programmes.

The important on-going employment schemes are the Centrally-Sponsored schemes of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) aimed at enhancing the incomes of families below poverty line in the rural areas through self-employment, the Jawahar Rozgar Yonjana (JRY) for generating wage employment opportunities in the rural aseas, the Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) with the objective of providing self and wage employment to the under-employed and unemployed urban poor, and the Central Sector Scheme for Self-employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY). These schemes are implemented in all States, including Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar.

Two new Schemes namely, the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) have been launched since 2nd October, 1993. The Employment Assurance Srheme has been launched in the identified backward blocks in which the currently Revamped Public Distribution System is in operation. 1075 of these Blocks are in Tribal Areas of which 220 are in Madhya Pradesh, 118 in Orissa and 112 in Bihar. The scheme will provide assured employment for 100 days of unskilled manual work to the rural poor seeking employment. The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana proposes to create self-employment opportunities for over a million educated unemployed youth during the remaining period of the Eighth Plan. While only the urban areas are covered during the year 1993-94 all areas whether urban or rural, including the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar will be covered from 1994-95, when the existing SEEUY scheme will be subsumed in the new Scheme. Unemployed persons aged between 18 to 35 years who are matriculates (passed or failed) or ITI passed or have undergone Government sponsored technical course for a minimum duration of 6 months, who are permanent residents of the areas for atleast three years and with family income upto Rs. 24.000 per month are eligible under PMRY provided they are not defaulters to any nationalised bank, cooperative bank or financial institution.

(c) and (d) Allocation of funds to the districts in a State and implementation of Schemes in the districts is done by the State Governments. As such information is not available with the Central Government.

Allocation of Funds to Gujarat for Small Scale Industries

1964. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to allocate more funds to Gujarat State for the development of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the allocation made for this purpose during the current five year plan period is less as compared to the previous five year plan; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) There is